



County of San Luis Obispo, California

## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

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### **COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** General Services Agency / Larry Iaquinto 805-781-5209

**SUBJECT:** Create a Quimby funded project to rehabilitate or re-purpose the tennis courts at C.W. Clarke Park.

**DATE:** 4/25/2013

**Recommendations:** It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Recommend the Board of Supervisors approve creation of a project to rehabilitate or repurpose the existing C.W. Clarke tennis courts.
2. Recommend that the Board approve \$61,500 of District 5 Quimby funds to complete the project.

#### **Discussion:**

As noted on Attachment A, the tennis courts at C.W. Clarke Park have helped County Parks meet its mission statement of providing diverse recreational opportunities to the public. Unfortunately, over the past five to seven years, the tennis courts have degraded to the point of needing rehabilitation. Staff has been looking for opportunities to secure funding to rehabilitate the tennis courts back to original condition. At the same time, staff has heard that some residents may want to use that area of the park for a new purpose. A small skatepark or Bocce Courts have been discussed and other ideas may be considered as well.

Quimby funds have been identified for the purpose of developing new or rehabilitating existing neighborhood or community park or recreation facilities. Quimby funds are collected from a developer during subdivision and must be used for the purpose of improving open space and park land within the neighborhood or community area where the development took place. The rehabilitation or repurposing of the C.W Clarke Park tennis court meets the requirements for District 5 Quimby funding to be utilized for this project.

Staff has scheduled an outreach meeting with the Shandon community to gain input to determine if the community interest lies with rehabilitating the existing tennis courts or if they prefer to repurpose the tennis court area into another form of recreational opportunity. For example, there may be a greater need for a skate facility, a bocce ball court or some other facility that could be repurposed within the boundaries of the area and available funding.

This project would allow staff to meet with the community, determine their recreational needs and to move forward to complete the rehabilitation or repurposing of the existing tennis court to add to the diverse recreational opportunities at C.W. Clarke Park.

Staff has limited the scope of this project to the existing facilities within C.W. Clarke Park. This has been done to ensure additional operating and maintenance funds are not required for service to currently undeveloped areas. If additional, undeveloped portions of the park are considered for improvements, additional operating funds would also be required and such funds are not available currently.

The County Parks Division is seeking a recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission and subsequent approval from the Board of Supervisors to develop a project that will rehabilitate or repurpose the failing tennis court in Shandon at C.W. Clarke Park.

**Other Agency Involvement:**

Staff will discuss this project and gain input from residents through the Shandon Community Advisory Council on May 1, 2013.

County Counsel reviewed this item and confirmed that this project meets all requirements for use of Quimby funds.

**Financial Considerations:**

Consistent with Attachment B, Quimby District 5 currently contains \$61,595 of funds available for distribution. Of this amount, \$46,312 must be designated for a project prior to July 1, 2013 or returned to the developer or current property owner(s).

The amount of \$61,500 is needed for this project to rehabilitate or repurpose the C.W. Clarke tennis court area.

Failure to designate this funding to a project by June 30, 2013 will result in the loss of \$46,312 in funding that can be used to improve recreational opportunities for the Shandon community.

**Results:**

If this project is recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission and approved by the Board of Supervisors, staff will meet with the Shandon community and gain their input on current recreational needs for the community. A plan would be developed based on the community needs and the allotted budget of \$61,500. Once the plan is developed the rehabilitation or repurposing would be implemented and completed.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – C.W. Clarke Park Site Map

Attachment B – Quimby Aging Report